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## Home and School Associations Hold Conference

Members of district Home and School Associations held an all-day conference, sponsored by the Alberta Federation of Home and School Associations, in Gleichen Saturday.

The program, arranged by Mrs. D. H. Kennedy of Strathmore, south regional vice-president of the federation, was designed to give training for leadership in home and school; and included talks and group discussions on program planning, proper conducting of meetings and guidance in various phases of leadership.

During the demonstration meeting, which comprised the evening session, 18 members of the Gleichen H.S.A. performed a candle-lighting ceremony, commemorating Founders' Day and symbolizing the spreading of Home and School ideas, with a commentary by Mrs. Kennedy.

Short talks on the organization of Home and School were part of the demonstration meeting. Mrs. R. Cunningham, president of Gleichen H.S.A. commented on the part of the local association; S. H. Crowther, teacher of Strathmore, on the Alberta Federation; and Mrs. E. H. Boulich, president of the Alberta Federation, of Calgary, on the National Federation.

Mr. R. W. Blick, principal of Gleichen school, spoke on the principal's part in Home and School and assisted in arranging details during the conference.

A playlet entitled "The Home and School is Launched" was presented during the demonstration meeting. Taking part were Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Hilton, Mrs. Scheer and Miss Margaret Gordon, all of Strathmore.

Representatives from Cluny attended despite poor road conditions.

### NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE

Individual people make sacrifices to buy life insurance, accident insurance, sickness insurance.

They channel into these insurance payments a part of the money they could use for luxuries, even necessities. And they do so still hoping that they won't die young and won't have a serious sickness or accident.

Individual people believe that making such a sacrifice to provide insurance protection for themselves and for their families is just good, common sense.

When individual citizens of a nation elect a parliament they expect its legislators to have as much common sense as they themselves.

They expect those elected representatives to buy insurance with a portion of their tax payments, insurance against those calamities which the individual as an individual finds difficult, if not impossible, to guard against.

Our members of parliament have provided themselves that they have bought with the electors' money a large measure of domestic security through unemployment insurance, old age pensions, mothers' allowances, health grants etc.

Yet, while this emphasis on domestic security has been great, and has been consuming a large part of our tax dollar, we have been apparently failing to make adequate payments on our national life insurance.

We are beginning, all to slowly to realize that higher old age pensions and bigger unemployment insurance benefits are of little use to the dead or the enslaved.

If we want our legislators to increase our life and liberty insurance by seeing to it that Canada has adequate military defences and makes its proper contribution to the maintenance of a world freedom, now is the time to tell them so—and in unmistakably clear and forceful terms.

The life and liberty of Canada and of each democratic citizen can be saved through collective insurance.

And no insurance is free.

Its payments are sometimes made in human blood.

Golfers and bathing girls have the same ambition—to go around in as little as possible.

Years ago, surgery on a heart had not been attempted successfully. The first successful attempt to save a heart was the attempt to save a deadly



MOVIE SCENE

The complete story of how a film is made is being told in a CBC series which started on October 10 and continuing for seven weeks. The series was specially prepared for Canadian listeners by BBC. In the centre of the group is producer Derek Holroyde of the BBC. With him as he looks through the scripts are (left) Dr. Roger Manvell, director of the British Film Academy, and (right) Thorold Dickinson, one of Britain's outstanding film directors, both of whom co-operated to make the program possible. The show is heard at 8:15 p.m. Tuesdays on Dominion.

## TOWN & DISTRICT

Gordon Bogstie underwent an operation on his throat last week in a Calgary hospital.

Master Jimmy Frogatt has been on the sick list for the past week suffering from an ear ailment.

Leo Woods the local painting contractor and interior decorator is busy these days working at the Blackfoot Indian hospital.

Mrs. J. Boyd of Calgary spent a couple of days in town last week visiting friends. She was a resident of Gleichen for many years until moving to Calgary several years ago.

Mrs. Ted Krause returned home last weekend after spending a week in a Calgary hospital recovering from an operation.

The W. A. of St. Andrew's Church ate of home cooking, apron and after tea was a very successful affair. It was held Saturday afternoon at the Recreation Centre.

Major and Mrs. A. F. Parkinson and Mrs. Capt. Hansen of the Salvation Army have gone to Vancouver to attend a meeting of the Army in that city. They expect to be away about a week.

J. Collins of Macleod spent several days in town last week visiting and enjoying a duck and goose hunt. Mr. Collins used to be C.P.R. agent before prior to moving to Macleod where he occupies a similar position with the railway company.

Walter Bogstie and a friend of Marysville, B. C. spent several days in town last week visiting relatives of the former. While here they spent most of the time hunting and had varying success.

Eddie Ogden of Calgary and Elliott

### FROM THE FILES OF THE CALL TWENTY YEARS AGO

N. G. Hall was a visitor to town yesterday after an absence of several years. He now makes his home near Lethbridge.

Bill Blain arrived in town last night from Medicine Hat to visit his former friends.

Cy McKay promises a new and original decoration for the hockey club dance Friday the like of which has never been seen anywhere before.

Jack Hugh has a combination cottonwood and cherry tree. Orchard men claim it is beyond them. We know of a case where a couple of farmers have each grown logan berries the past summer.

Wilbur and Lou Jeffers have been accomplishing some fast work in excavating for the town sewer which they will connect from near The Call office east nearly a block to their residence. Fred Jones is the master cement man on the job.

The curling club elected the following officers for this season: Hon. President, John Boyd; pres. M. Matteson; vice-pres. N. T. Purcell; secretary A. F. MacCallum; treasurer W. Piqueau. Other officers are L. Cuthbert, J. Gorrell, W. Jeffers, J. Davies, R. G. Clifford and Gove.

market for their living. The prices we receive for our exports determine the wages those people receive; and the wages they receive, determine how much they can buy from the rest of us.

The world will not continue to take all our exports at present prices. What should we do when they offer us less? Should we maintain our prices and refuse to sell till we get them; or should we reduce our prices and maintain our volume of sales?

During the last depression we tried the first of these alternatives. We tried holding our wheat for a price and the world let us hold it. We don't want another experience like that. The only thing to do will be to sell for what we can get and keep the goods moving into consumption. This will result in lower cash incomes for those engaged on the export industries. But nature's law of Supply and Demand if allowed to operate, will soon bring domestic prices down to a corresponding level, and thus restore balance in the economy. So long as the economy is in the balance we can do business with each other.

This seems very simple; but it is easier said than done. Everybody will resist any attempt to reduce his prices or his wages. Those who are most fortunately situated, and those who are best organized will be the most successful in their resistance. And the more successful they are in resisting necessary price and wage adjustments the harder the depression

## Personal Memo

OCTOBER 1950

Get order in to bank for  
Canada Savings Bonds on  
the monthly deduction plan.  
Will come due in 1960.  
Nice time for us.

will hit us.

The important question is this: When prices begin to adjust themselves to reality will we be able to arrange to have all classes bear their share of the adjustment? Our answer to this question will determine our ability to cope with depressions.

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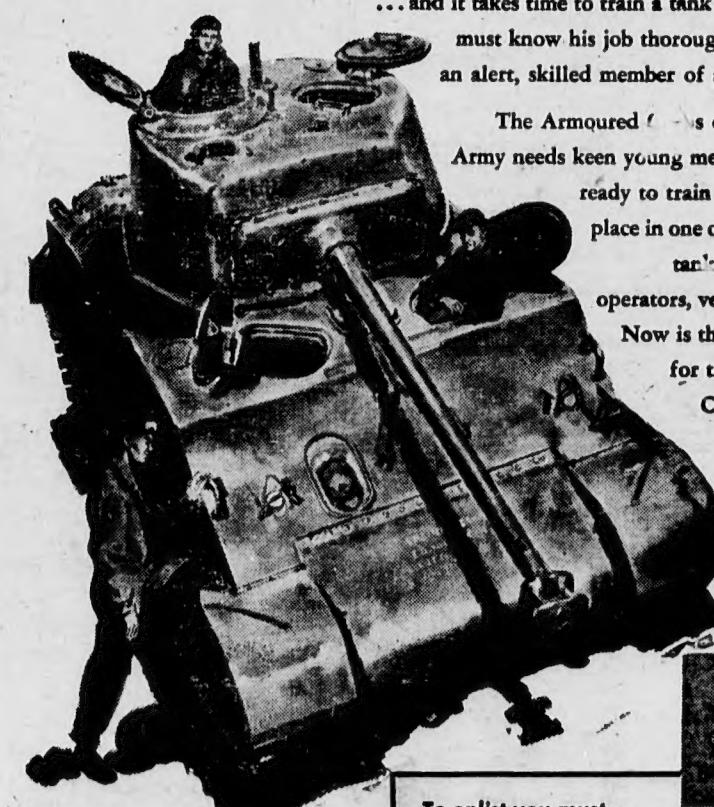
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## Immigration From U.K. To Canada Drops

OTTAWA—Latest figures show that the flow of immigration from the United Kingdom to Canada is still running at barely half last year's rate. For the first eight months of this year, 9,000 people came to this country from Britain, compared with 17,120 in the same period of 1949.

The eight-month total from all sources is 48,220, as against 71,975 a year ago.

The sharp drop in British immigrants started in the fall of 1949, after devaluation of the pound sterling added to the difficulties of settlers who were already restricted as to the amount of capital they could take to Canada. The figure is \$1,000 spread over four years.

There have been suggestions from London that the British government might ease these restrictions somewhat.

Late in June, Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the exchequer, told the British house of commons that in future all emigrants to Canada who could make out a good case would be allowed to draw in the first year up to the whole four-year allotment. Each case would be determined on its merits, he said.

Since then, figures for two full months are available, but they show little change in the position. The number of British immigrants is still sharply below last year's.

The Canadian director of immigration, C. E. S. Smith, is now overseas, and he is understood to be looking into the whole question of stimulating immigration from the U.K. as well as from continental Europe. He will report to his minister, Hon. Walter Harris, on his return.

Fashionable Spanish nobles about the middle of the 14th century wore false beards.

### I Was Nearly Crazy With Fiery Itch—

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### Funny and Otherwise

Husband and wife were having words. At last the husband snapped: You've never done anything without boasting about it."

"Oh, yes, I have," replied the wife.

"And what?" sneered the husband.

"I married you," came the acid reply.

"This knot in my handkerchief? Oh, that's to remind me to try and get something for my wife."

"Really old, boy? How much do you want for her?"

Mechanic—The horn on your car must be broken.

Motorist—No, it's just indifferent.

Mechanic—What do you mean?

Motorist—It just doesn't give a hoot.

"What's the matter with Ted?"

"Too conceited. The other day he bought a book called 'What Two Million Women Want,' just to see if they spelled his name right."

Teacher—Tommy what is the shape of the earth?

Tommy—I dunno.

Teacher—Sure you do. What is the shape of the earrings your sister wears?

Tommy—Square ones.

Teacher—What is the shape of the ones she wears on Sundays?

Tommy—Round ones.

Teacher—O.K., then. What is the shape of the earth?

Square on week days and round on Sundays.

"Old George is pretty mean—and I keep telling him he can't take it with him when he dies."

"From what I know of George, if he finds he can't take it with him he won't go."

"Ah," boomed the vicar genially, "how pleasant to see you again! And is that your most charming wife?"

"This," said his former curate reprovingly, "is my only wife."

Tragedian: "My parents tried hard to keep me from becoming an actor."

Comedian: "I congratulate them on their success!"

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—Central Press Canadian.

**HOME AGAIN**—Famed playwright George Bernard Shaw, 94, has been shown in an ambulance as he left hospital in London, Eng., en route to his Ayot St. Lawrence home. Shaw spent a little more than three weeks in the hospital following a fall in which he broke his left thigh bone.

**Cracking Down On Grain Black Market**

EDMONTON.—Alberta is prepared to crack down on reported black market dealings in coarse grains.

Agriculture Minister David Ure said illegal dealings in oats, barley and rye had become prevalent in the province and had brought complaints of unfair competition from mill operators.

Mr. Ure said the province would enforce a law passed in 1949 which required that all coarse grains be marketed through the Canadian wheat board.

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### Oddities In The News

Trains in South Australia have been held up by grasshoppers so thick on the track that engine wheels would not grip. One engineer said he had come across two swarms, one of which covered four square miles.

Heber Chapman, city clerk of Signal Hill, Calif., came upon this letter in his mail: "I am sorry, but when they took the dog census last year I forgot about a puppy my son has. I am enclosing \$2 . . . It seems the lady is still forgetful. The letter wasn't signed, and didn't contain \$2

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A skunk in a washing machine causes just as much trouble as you would expect. Special police officer Joe Kupsch received a call from a householder at Sayreville, N.J., who said a skunk was wandering around her basement. Kupsch looked into the matter, and discovered the skunk in the washing machine, nestled on a pile of dirty clothes. Kupsch shot the skunk. Then he buried the clothes. He went home and tried to air out his own clothes. He thinks he'll have to bury them, too.

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The case of a baby born with a tail, which he could switch like an angry cat, was reported in the British American Journal at London. The baby's anxious mother took him to a London hospital at the age of 11 months. The tail was then just more than three inches long when pulled out to its full length. Wrote P. J. Blaxland, surgical registrar at the Great Ormond street Children's hospital: "When released it would contract, curl on itself, resembling the tail of a pig. Then it would relax and flick from side to side." A surgeon removed the tail and the boy now is normal.

A large buck deer was killed when struck by two autos travelling in opposite directions south of Timagami, Ont. Struck first by one auto, the animal was thrown into the path of another.

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## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## REDHEADS

By Charlotte McCarthy

They Both Had  
Guilty Consciences.

IF YOU didn't know them, you might have thought them brother and sister. Irma's hair was the exact shade of shiny, coppery red as that of her husband, Bart. And both had tempers to match.

They were driving to the Temple's party and the air was charged with anger.

"Can I help it if I have to work late?" Bart snapped, his face darkening.

"And can I help feeling that there should be at least one evening a week that I can depend on your not having to work late? It's gotten to the point where we're getting away from our friends. I'm afraid even to accept an invitation."

They didn't speak again until they reached the Temples. The party was outside and Japanese lanterns twinkled in the dark. Together, but in some intangible way further apart than they had ever been in their seven years of married life, they walked around the house to the garden.

Then, from within the summer house, the shrill voice of Polly Ainsley reached them clearly: "I guess you can't expect two redheads to get along together. It's my guess that the smash-up will come any day now." Her careless laugh held brittle amusement.

"But they seem so fond of each other," drawled somebody. "I was

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## Midnight in the Afternoon



The above picture taken at St. Catherines, Ont., some 2,000 miles from Alberta, shows the dark overcast caused by smoke from the forest fires that raged in Alberta recently. The picture was taken as a time exposure at 2:30 p.m., showing the headlights of a car, making a streak of light down the street. Street lights were turned on at 2:10 p.m., the earliest in the city's history. Motor cars on the streets moved with lights full on, and lights were turned on in the homes.

WESTERN  
BRIEFS

## Caribou Trek South

HERCHMER, Man.—Thousands of caribou have crossed the Hudson Bay Railway here, 90 miles south of Churchill, on their annual trek from the barren into bushland country. Herds were reported smaller than usual.

## Successful Tag Day

FOAM LAKE Sask.—Over \$90 was collected, when the Briarmount Homemakers club sponsored a tag day in aid of the Canadian Institute for the Blind. The committee in charge of the project included Mrs. P. Stakliw, Mrs. H. Hiltz and Mrs. Ray Sandberg.

## Newspaper Changes Hands

EDMONTON—Alberta's second largest weekly newspaper, the Grande Prairie Herald Tribune, has been purchased by Bowes brothers of Dresden, Ont., publishers of the Dresden Times. George and James Duncan, former owners, have retired. Grande Prairie is 200 miles northwest of Edmonton.

Around ten o'clock, Irma answered the telephone: "Darling," Polly's voice fluted over the wire. "I did want to see you last night to tell you all the scandal about the new people who moved into Darnon's bungalow. She's been seen all over with an old boy friend, and most of us think they'll be breaking up any day."

Irma murmured something unintelligible, and Polly continued. "Come to think of it, you haven't met them yet, but they both have red hair like you and Bart... though most of us think hers is dyed."

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Farm Costs Double  
That Of 1935-39

OTTAWA.—Canadian farm costs have risen to double the 1935-39 expenses.

The bureau of statistics reported that in August the index of farm costs had reached 201.5 against 192.3 in August, 1949. This is calculated on the basis of 100 as the 1935-39 average.

The index includes both the farmer's own living costs and the costs of the commodities and services used by him, and the bureau said had it gone up both with and without the inclusion of living costs.

In the four months up to August, there was a rise in the composite index of five points.

The upward movement between April and August, the bureau said, mainly reflected a seasonal rise in farm wage rates plus increases in farmers' living costs, building machinery, farm machinery, feed, petroleum products and hardware.

Family living costs on the farm moved up four points during the period to hit 180.7.

## ROMAN WORD

The word "salary" comes from the Roman "salar," meaning salt. In the old days Roman legionnaires were paid in salt.

To Live Right—Eat Right.



## Sets New Marks

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Ronnie Crane, 16-year-old Vancouver swimming ace, smashed three Canadian records in a recent meet. Crane churned the 100-yard butterfly in 1:05.9, and in the 50-yard butterfly, Crane knocked over both the junior and senior records with a time of 29.4 seconds.

## Unwise Cougar

VANCOUVER, B.C.—A cougar won't always take to the trees when chased by dogs. When Dan Neufeld's dog ran out of the bush at Buck Ridge, Neufeld seized his rifle and killed the pursuing cougar at close range with one shot.

## Staying In Jail

NELSON, B.C.—Fourteen Doukhobor women here say they don't want freedom if it means they must pledge to obey the laws of Canada. So they're staying in jail, despite the recent mass release of Sons of Freedom Sect members convicted of parading in the nude. Police said the holdouts here have been staging displays of nudism in their cells to emphasize their stand.

Athabasca Fishing  
To Resume Dec. 1

REGINA.—Commercial fishing will begin again on Lake Athabasca Dec. 1 after a lapse of three years, provincial fisheries branch officials said in a bureau of publications release.

Fishing operations will be carried out by McInnes Products Corp., an Edmonton firm. Reopening of commercial fishing on this lake will mean employment of up to 50 fishermen in the Athabaskan region. The winter limit is 1,000,000 lbs. of all species, while 1,500,000 can be taken during the summer.

**ANCIENT CANOE**  
PETERBOROUGH, Northants, England.—Unearthed during extensions to Peterborough's power station was a canoe made from a dug-out tree trunk. Experts estimated it was 2,000 years old.

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Prairie Winters  
Too Much For  
Praying Mantis

OTTAWA—Government agricultural scientists are finding that the six-legged praying mantis, although good at his work, is not the real answer to their prayers.

The greenish carnivorous insect was put to work eating grasshoppers that have been devouring Canadian agricultural growth. However, the mantis, who looks like a grasshopper but is about twice the size, has difficulty surviving the Canadian Climate.

A. B. Baird, director of the agriculture department's biological section, said Wednesday tests are being made at Belleville, Ont., to see whether the mantis, who simply cannot survive the prairie winter, can live in southern Ontario and the Maritimes.

The approximate weight of an adult brain is three pounds.

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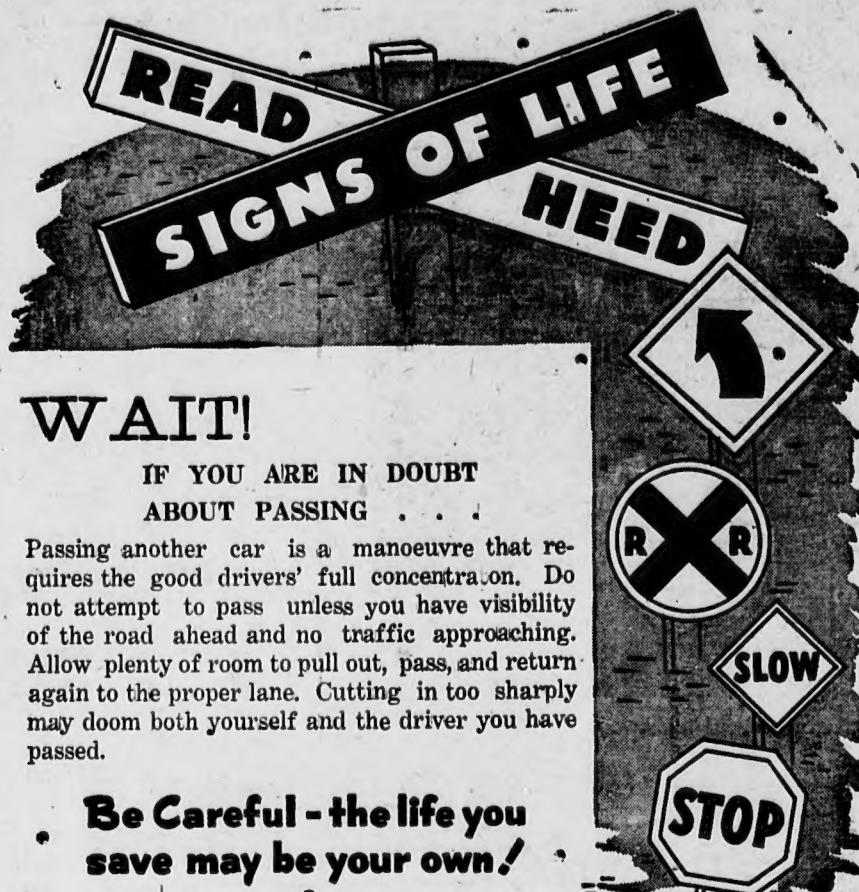
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less his audience catches him with heart and mind he is defeated.

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Many people are often displeased with a portrait because they are used

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Deputy Minister.

## HERE AND THERE

Denny Woods left on his return journey to Vancouver last Thursday. He spent the previous ten days in town holidaying with his parents and having a good time hunting.

Still the wild geese and ducks continue their ravages on the unharvested grain fields. They have become wily and keep our hunters on the jump as they change their feeding grounds nearly every day.

Dick Cameron has moved his family into the Ostrander house. They had been living in the west end of the town in Mrs. Bartsch's house.

On November 11th, Remembrance Day, the boys of the local Legion will stage a turkey shoot. That should give all the sportsmen something to do to to pass the day. The previous night the Legion will stage their annual dance.

After much pondering and hard work Town Engineer Cameron and his men found the big leak in the water main near St. Andrew's Church. The pipe was broken in two. So clean was the break it looks as if it had been sawn apart.

Hallowe'en will be next Tuesday night and already the young folk are figuring how they will celebrate the occasion. By all means have a good time boys and girls but don't damage property.

The mud last week was terrible. It plastered cars from top to bottom. Especially on the bottom. Fenders became clogged with it and the mud must have weighed hundreds of pounds judging by the "feel" of the car when driven.

We received word last week from Mrs. H. Hamar, who is living at the coast of the death of Mrs. Robert Brown. Mrs. Brown had lived in Gleichen for years. Her husband ran a gents furnishing store here. Mrs. Brown died on October 11 and is survived by one son Malcolm of Whitehorse, Y.T. Her husband predeceased her some years ago.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sunday, October 29th.  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11:30 a.m.  
Rev. D. Houghton, B. A., Incumbent.



D. M. McLean, M.Sc.  
Assistant Director  
Line Elevator Farm Service,  
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Ellison Milling, Canada West,  
Robin Hood and Quaker Oats.

### Some Seasonal Hints

With harvesting operations completed, the weeks that lie ahead just before and after freeze-up, provide an opportunity to plan and complete important farm operations.

*After-harvest Cultivation.* Shallow, after-harvest cultivation is of great value as an aid in the control of many annual and some perennial weeds. Shallow, fall tillage of stubble fields is a useful approach in the destruction of sawfly larvae and grasshopper eggs. Proper adjustment of tillage equipment is important, however, in fall cultivation of this kind, to ensure that all crop residue is anchored near the surface as an aid to soil and water conservation.

*Time to Seed Grass.* This fall presents one of the best opportunities in recent years to begin a regrassing program. In the first place, forage crop seeds are in good supply and selling at reasonable prices. Furthermore, in most of the prairie region moisture reserves are adequate and there is plenty of good heavy stubble cover on most fields to provide ideal seed bed conditions for the fall sowing of grass. Shallow seeding into clean stubble fields, anytime after October 15th, gives every indication this year of being a successful practice. With this method there is very little danger of the seed germinating before freeze-up, and consequently good stands usually result from the more favorable conditions for growth in the early spring. This is one way to begin to accumulate reserves of feed for the dry summers and hard winters that come with unfailing regularity.

*Think of Seed Supplies.* The widespread damage to grain crops in some areas from drought, in others from early and severe frost, and more recently from fall rains and delayed harvesting, will undoubtedly be reflected in a heavy demand for seed supplies of good quality. This unusual situation emphasizes the importance of testing all farm seed stocks held for planting in 1951. Farmers holding grain units for seed, would be well advised to locate and purchase good seed this fall. It may be too late to act if you wait until

## CULL THE POOR LAYERS

### (Experimental Farm Notes)

Economy of production is always an essential feature for any staple industry. When that industry is in a comparatively prosperous state, with regard to sales and prices, producers can still obtain reasonable returns even though they have overlooked certain features which are increasing their costs and reducing their net income. When prices drop, these people are the first to feel the effect and are therefore the ones who will have to improve their methods, take a loss, or go out of business.

Looking at the expense side of the poultry, the first item that strikes the eye is feed costs. We know from results of research and experience that it is not good policy to feed inferior rations. We can cut cost somewhat during the growing season with good pasture but the optimum protein level and other important ingredients are essential for egg production. Also, the quality of laying mash given to layers must not be restricted in fact they should be encouraged to eat as much as possible. The next consideration and the crucial one, is whether the quantity of eggs produced is sufficient for the amount of feed used.

Probably the greatest waste occurs from birds frequently termed "borderers", which are not paying for their keep, says the poultry division of the experimental farm. Since these birds can be identified by certain physical characteristics they should be picked out and sold for what they will bring rather than maintained at additional expense with no or very little return. Even though they may not be worth much as market birds, it cost too much to keep them. A few unpromising birds can be eliminated in the fall at the time of housing. Since more than half of a bird's feed is required for maintenance these birds cost almost as much to keep as those which are in heavy production.

A poor or non layer is usually characterized by a sluggish, dull appearance or, on the contrary, an extremely nervous one as sometimes observed in birds which are in moult. Such birds usually retire to roosts early in the afternoon or are found there at any time on entering the pen. On the contrary, heavy layers will be busy feeding or scratching in the litter. Non-layers can be distinguished, without handling, by the appearance of their combs. These are shrunken, scaly and pale in color, as opposed to the bright red, waxy enlarged comb of the producer. In breeds which are genetically yellow shanked, the yellow color fades out with egg production. Thus a bird showing deep yellow color in her shanks will usually be either a non-layer or will have just started laying. Her feathers will be oily and sleek, whereas if a bird has dry,



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broken feathering it is usually an indication that she is more than paying her keep. By the above characteristics the "slackers" can be spotted even without handling.

Birds can be caught up by fencing in the corner of a pen with wire panels. This should be done in the afternoon when they are not laying as heavily and should be done carefully in order to disturb them as little as possible. The culs may be placed in a crate nearby and the desirable birds placed back in the pen; another alternative is to do this at night using a flashlight. In handling, the unproductive birds which are not spotted before can be removed. Those that are very light and are therefore likely to go into a moult should go out. Good thrifty layers are usually in good condition but not over fat. The condition of the abdomen is a good indication of production. If the skin is hard, drawn up, and the pubic bones are drawn close together, leaving little abdominal capacity, such a bird is a deficit rather than an asset.

Broody hens should be marked when they are released from the broody coops. If they are frequent offenders they should be marketed. In spite of good methods of feeding and management there will be those birds which do not respond and should be removed. Culling is another important step toward high efficiency of production.

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